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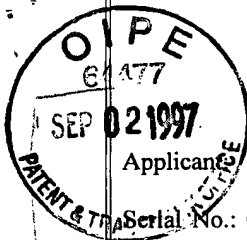
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 12, 1997, applicants respond as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

13. (Amended) A process for treating a rubber, a thermoplastic elastomer, or a plastic wiper blade comprising;

applying a composition [containing] including one or more acids to the wiping surface of said wiper blade, said acid comprising an inorganic acid, an organic acid having from about 1 to about [30] 36 carbon atoms, or a salt of said inorganic or organic acid or combinations thereof.

5 18. (Amended) A process according to claim 4, wherein said composition further [contains] includes one or more diluents.

19 19. A process according to claim 17, wherein said composition further [contains] includes one or more lubricants.

20 20. A process according to claim 17, wherein said composition further [contains] includes one or more water miscible solvents, or one or more acids other than